DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

2/16/2021

RESOLUTION 2021.9

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Regarding Prosperity for All Oregonians

WHEREAS, the Oregon Center for Public Policy has identified a number of bills in the 2021 legislative session that will help move us "Towards Prosperity for All Oregonians", and these bills are in concert with the values and platform of the Democratic Party of Lane County (DPLC); and

WHEREAS, HB 2819 would extend Oregon's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to all low-paid workers. The EITC is now denied to those without a social security number - overwhelmingly people of color; and

WHEREAS, HB 2205, introduced by Rep. Marty Wilde, establishes procedures for a person to bring action in the name of the state to recover civil penalties for violations of state law, which could help especially with enforcement of labor laws, and could lead to decreased wage theft and better enforcement of safety standards; and

WHEREAS, HB 2255, introduced by Rep. Wilde, increases taxes on those with high income by phasing out the itemized deductions as federal adjusted gross income grows; and

WHEREAS, <u>SB 139</u> increases taxes on the wealthy by reducing the amount of income eligible for elective reduced personal income tax rate allowed for certain pass-through income; and

WHEREAS, HB 2975 minimizes the ability for corporations to hide their profits in tax havens to reduce their Oregon excise tax; and

WHEREAS, HB 2428, introduced by Rep. Nancy Nathanson, increases the transparency of and partially disconnects Oregon taxes from some Opportunity Zone tax breaks; and

WHEREAS, HB 2839 disconnects Oregon taxes from some of the pandemic CARES Act tax breaks given to businesses; and

WHEREAS, HB 2976, cosponsored by Rep. Wilde, and an identical SB 312 would increase transparency in corporate taxes, allowing Oregonians and legislators to better understand and improve our corporate tax structure;

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

SECTION 1: To support <u>HB 2819</u>, <u>HB 2205</u>, <u>HB 2255</u>, <u>SB 139</u>, <u>HB 2975</u>, <u>HB 2428</u>, <u>HB 2839</u>, <u>HB 2976</u>, and <u>SB 312</u>).

SECTION 2: To encourage Lane County Democrats to communicate their support of these bills to appropriate legislators.